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Title: **METHOD FOR GROWTH AND DE NOVO FORMATION OF A SUPERFICIAL CARTILAGE LAYER IN SITU AND FOR REPAIR OF DAMAGED CARTILAGE USING NEO-CARTILAGE CONSTRUCTS**

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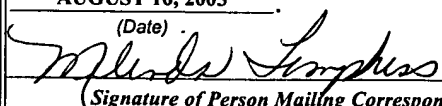
  
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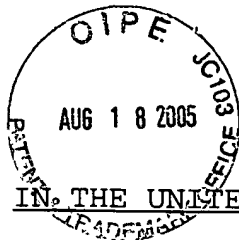
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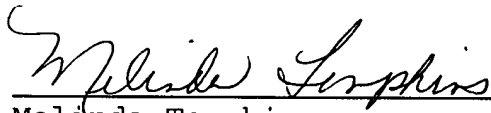
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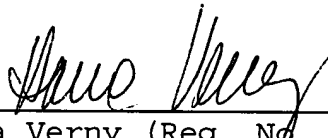
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